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DECISION

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In re Application of DALY et al

U.S. Application No.: 10/564,468

PCT Application No.: PCT/GB2004/003061

Int. Filing Date: 14 July 2004

Priority Date Claimed: 15 July 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 124593.00101

For: SPRAY APPARATUS

This is in response to applicant's "Response to Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.497(d)" filed 08 January 2007.

## BACKGROUND

On 14 July 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/GB2004/003061, which claimed priority of an earlier United Kingdom application filed 15 July 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 27 January 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 15 January 2006.

On 13 January 2006, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 22 May 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 22 November 2006, applicant filed an executed declaration along with a petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d).

On 15 December 2006, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 22 November 2006 petition.

On 08 January 2007, applicant filed the present renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d).

## **DISCUSSION**

37 CFR 1.497(d) (effective 07 November 2000) states,

If the oath or declaration filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) and this section names an inventive entity different from the inventive entity set forth in the international application, the oath or declaration must be accompanied by: (1) a statement from each person being added as an inventor and from each person being deleted as an inventor that any error in inventorship in the international application occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part; (2) the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (3) if an assignment has been executed by any of the original named inventors, the written consent of the assignee (see §3.73(b) of this chapter).

Applicant has previously satisfied items (1) and (2) above.

With regard to item (3) above, the renewed petition states that no assignment has been executed by any of the original inventors.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons above, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 14 July 2004, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) of 22 November 2006.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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